



Our mission is to welcome everyone to God's House of Worship in the Heart of Bethel. We are committed to active spirituality, Bible-based learning applied to everyday life, and service to our brothers and sisters in communities near and far.

The Heart Beat

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Weekly Illuminations and Inspirations

January 01, 2017

Church Person(s) of the Week:

We would like to thank the UMW who provided the beautiful luminaires that graced our front walk on Christmas Eve. It was a beautiful tradition brought back.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Readers & Communion Stewards 11:00am (set up & serve): James Wolff & Tracy Brown

Communion Stewards (serve and clean up):

Julien Schaad & Peter Philip

Counters: Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer

Greeters: Betty Lepus & Linda Bruce

Ushers: Team B: Alan Brown, Linda Bruce, Tammy Esposito

For the convenience of those who wish to cleanse their hands after exchanging signs of peace and before handling the communion elements, there are alcohol gel pumps available.

Lost and Found: please check the rack near the side entry, or the small basket on the shelf in the church office.

Restrooms: The restrooms are located through the side door on the right of the sanctuary, go through both doors and make a left then a quick right. They are towards the end of the hallway on the right. Each restroom is equipped with a commode.

Quote for the week:

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

-Saint Francis of Assisi

Our Prayers: **Local Concerns:** Rev. Robert Johnson **Prayers for the world:** All the families of Sandy Hook, Newtown and surrounding communities as they continue to heal. All the men and women who have served and are serving in our Armed Forces. **Prayer List:** If you would like to receive the prayer list, or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal** at arstejskal@aol.com

Sunday Morning Ministries for 8:30am & 10:00am January 8th

Readers & Communion Stewards 8:30am: Peter Eckert **Readers & Communion Stewards (set-up and serve):** Kyle Johnston, Tom Wolff **Communion Stewards (serve and clean-up):** Angela Bassett, Uta Robertson **Counters:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin **Greeters:** Deb and Dave Albin **Ushers:** Team C: Debbie Albin, Krista Mayer, Frank Tomaino

Church Conference – January 4th at 7:30pm

This is the most important meeting of our church year & you are invited to attend. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Kieffer, will preside. This is an opportunity to talk about the church's future. We will also elect officers to serve on our various ministries. Please plan on attending as your voice & vote are very important to how we will be the Church of Jesus Christ.

2017 Isaiah 54:2 Stakeholder Pledge envelopes now available

For those church members who stretched and "put a stake in our church" by pledging a 2017 stewardship commitment, pledge envelopes are available in the church narthex and labelled by name. For anyone who feels moved to pledge a commitment, please speak with Pastor John. Thank you all for your faithfulness to our Lord, to each other and to our wonderful church.

Nursery Care: The nursery (for ages 3 and under) is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

This Week's BUMC Calendar:

Sunday	01/01	11:00am Worship No Sunday School
Monday	01/02	Office Closed
Tuesday	01/03	3:00pm-5:30pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Finance 7:30pm Nurture/Membership
Wednesday	01/04	7:30pm Church Conference-MH
Thursday	01/05	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	01/06	
Saturday	01/07	10:00am-12:00pm Off the Street
Sunday	01/08	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Service Sunday School UMW Soup Sale 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

Coming Events:

Bethel UMC Outreach Opportunities

"Spare Change Sunday" will be **January 29th**. All the spare change will go directly to anyone in our community needing some help in the form of gift cards and other ways to help someone get through a tough time...Thank you! This is also a great way to get your family and friends in the Christmas Spirit by asking them if they want share in the gift of giving.
-Your BUMC Outreach Committee

SAVE THE DATE

Next Bloodmobile Sat. 2/25

Pasta Dinner Sponsorships

We have set a goal this year to have a sponsor for each of the pasta dinners. We currently need 5 more sponsors. When you contribute towards a sponsorship, you are at least doubling your donation towards the church. The pasta dinner committee works so hard for the church and having a sponsor makes it all worthwhile. A full sponsorship is \$300. If that doesn't work for you, you might be able to donate half or a quarter of that amount. Caraluzzi's gift cards can always be used too. Please consider being a sponsor to make this year's pasta dinners a big success. To donate please contact Kathy Keith at 203-797-0841 or Dave Morey at 203-744-6345

Randall Wright Hall 50 year anniversary

We are looking for people to join our Randall Wright Hall Anniversary committee. Anyone interested in being part of the committee please contact the church office at bmethodistchurch@snet.net or 203-743-6835. Also anyone having information concerning the construction of this building please leave your name and number so we can get in touch with you. Thank you!

Free Piano and bench

Upright Fisher piano, currently located in the Classroom. If interested, please contact Todd Gorski, Director of Music, at music.bumc@gmail.com or 203.743.6835. First come, first serve.

Red Bird Mission

The UMW collects **Campbell's labels** and **Boxtops for Education** for the **Red Bird**. Please cut the bar code labels as we only need the bar codes. There is a small basket on the counter in Mitchell Hall for the labels.

Need activity space?

Mitchell Hall: \$180 for 4 hrs including set up time, (Pledging Members: \$51.00 – tax deductible donation). \$51.00 for partial Kitchen use (refrigeration and warming of meals), There is also a \$75 refundable deposit in case of damage to the room or in case professional cleaners have to be called in. Rm. 201: \$15.50 hr